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1. In May 1952, almost all the jet bombers observed outside the hangars at Wenneuchen airfield were parked in front of the hangars. Three or four jet bombers were parked on the paved approach road to the taxiway west of the westernmost hangar, and some planes were east of the easternmost hangar and in front of the target ranges.
2. Hangars 1 through 6 served for the parking of aircraft, while airfield maintenance equipment was stored in hangar 7. (1) Sentries were posted on the southern sides of hangars 1 through 6.
3. An AAA unit has been observed at the field since early May. Twelve 37-mm AA guns each with four rubber-tired wheels and a gun shield were observed east of the temporary building housing the carpenter shop and east of the athletic field. Eight 85-mm AA guns were observed under trees east of buildings 53 and 59. These guns had four rubber-tired wheels. 2 trucks of the AA unit. AAA ammunition was guarded and stored near target range 1V. AAA emplacements were under construction. (2)

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1. The following air activity was observed at the field between 23 and 31 May:

Date in May	Observations	Aircraft
23	Between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., local flying	type-27 and type-30 jet bombers
24	Between 5 a.m. and 3 p.m. local flying	type-27 and type-30 jet bombers
26	Night flying between 8 p.m. and midnight	
27	Between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. local flying; parachute jumps by five men were made three times; between 9 p.m. and midnight, night flying	jet bombers

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Date in May	Observations	Aircraft
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29	Between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., local flying	
30	Between 6 a.m. and 3 p.m., flying activity	
31	Between 6 and 11 a.m., flying activity	

5. Between 4 and 5 p.m. on 3 June, 26 type-27 and type-30 jet bombers were counted at the field. Two of the planes were aloft. Three aircraft were on the dispersal area west of the hangars, 5 were in front of three western hangars and 14 in front of the four eastern hangars.

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Two type-30s [redacted] Flying was practiced between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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7. Between 29 May and 6 June, the following air activity was observed at the field:

Date	Observations	Weather
29 May	Between 2 and 5 p.m., 6 type-27s and 1 type-30 practiced take-offs and landings	cloudy
30 May	Between 6:35 a.m. and 6 p.m., flying by 7 type-27s and 2 type-30s	clear
	Night flying beginning at 7:30 p.m.	clear
3 June	Between 1:10 and 6:30 p.m., 2 type-30s [redacted] practiced taking off and landing.	
	At 5:45 p.m. a transport [redacted] landed; at 7:30 p.m., [redacted] the same plane took off.	
4 "	Night flying beginning at 8:15 p.m.	clear
	Between 6:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., no flying by jet bombers	fair
	A transport [redacted] landed at 9:30 a.m. and took off again at 4 p.m.	
	At 9:45 a.m., a biplane [redacted] took off.	
5 "	Between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., air activity	fair
	After 7 a.m., 3 type-27s with the red [redacted] 21, 22, and 31 and 3 [redacted] took off. Flying was also conducted by 1 type-27 [redacted] and 4 type-30s.	

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At 10 a.m., a jet bomber fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks took off.

6 June No air activity

8. On 3 June, [] the number of aircraft at the field had increased.

[] newly arrived jet bomber was fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks. []

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9. On 23 May, 21 tank cars were emptied into the fuel dump. Between 26 and 28 May, no fuel shipments arrived at the field. The following fuel shipments arrived between 29 May and 6 June:

Date	Number of Railroad Tank Cars	From	To
29 May	4	Riesa Harbor	[]
29 "	6	"	
30 "	6	"	
1 June	11	"	
1 June	10	"	
2 "	5	"	
4 "	1	"	

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10. Six 37-mm AA guns covered with tarpaulins were located at the west end of the runway about 150 meters west of the revetment. Training with AA guns was not observed. A vacated AA gun emplacement was about 50 meters south of Herneuchen-Hirschfelde road, about 80 meters east of the gear track.

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11. A strip of about 1,000 meters of the northern section of the taxiway was excavated and filled-in. A strip of about 500 meters and three hardstands were completed. Five other hardstands were already filled-in. []

12. About 6:15 p.m. on 5 June, 21 trucks loaded with boards and chairs arrived at the field. All the vehicles were new. [] Ambulance

[] and jeep [] were observed entering and leaving the field. 50X1-HUM

13. On 3 June, about 50 aircraft were parked at the field. A number of new type-27 and type-30 jet bombers were observed. One type-30 had the [] auxiliary fuel tanks, which were fitted at the wing tips and projected by about 15 cm beyond the lower and upper surface of the wing. The newly arrived type-30s only had [] rudder assemblies. []

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14. Between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. on 3 June, there was flying by a plane [] and jet bomber Y2. The weather was fair. [] flying was practiced by 5 type-30s including 7 []

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On 7 June, 1 Mi-2 and 52 jet bombers of both types were counted at the field. Of the jet bombers, 4 were parked near the target range, 6 behind hangar 7, 5 in front of hangar 6, 28 near hangars 1 through 5, and 9 west of hangar 1.

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15. Every day between 3 and 7 June from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 4 to 5 p.m., maintenance work at the field was in progress. It was also conspicuous that, during that time, the noise of running generators from various hangars had intensified.

16. On 7 June, concreting was completed on 36,760 square meters of the northern taxiway including some hardstands. During a meeting of construction superintendents, it was mentioned that concreting work is to be completed by 15 July. []

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17. [] 6 AA guns were emplaced west of hangar 1 and 6 other AA guns were emplaced 300 meters southeast of the shooting range. []

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18. At 4:30 p.m. on 26 May, six boxcars loaded with bombs arrived at the field.

19. On 6 June, trucks occupied by MM wearing black epaulets and officers with two crossed gun barrels on their epaulets were driven toward the field coming from Werneuchen. []

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20. After 9 p.m. on 26 May, there was night flying at the field. Between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on 27 May, there was flying by 5 type-27s []

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[] 3 type-30s [] and Li-2 []
Between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. on 30 May, jet bombers practiced flying at the field. Between 6 a.m. and 4 p.m. on 5 June, flying was observed. Night flying was practiced after 9 p.m. on 7 June.

21. Railroad tank cars observed at the fuel dump included 10 on 29 May, 9 on 31 May, and 4 on 4 June.

22. At 8 p.m. on 28 May, 1 officer and 15 MM wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and 1 officer and 15 MM wearing artillery insignia arrived with the regular passenger train from Wriezen. The personnel, who carried their baggage but were not armed with weapons marched to the barracks installation.

23. The patrol of 1 officer and 2 MM who guarded Werneuchen during the day and night was recently increased to 2 officers and 6 MM.

24. In May, [] Bernhard Stiegemann was the construction superintendent at the field. Stiegemann's predecessor was Kunze, who, after returning from a course, was made construction supervisor of the Gruensau railroad by-pass. []
the date for the completion of the airfield was advanced to 15 August 1952. []

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25. By Soviet order, the airfield had been provided with a new spur track which terminated in a wood near a field path leading toward Wegendorf. After mid-July, when the hardstands will be completed, a fuel dump is to be constructed in this woods. []

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26. [] an airfield is to be built in the vicinity of Berlin. Stiegemann and the construction superintendent of the spur track are allegedly to be charged with this construction project. []

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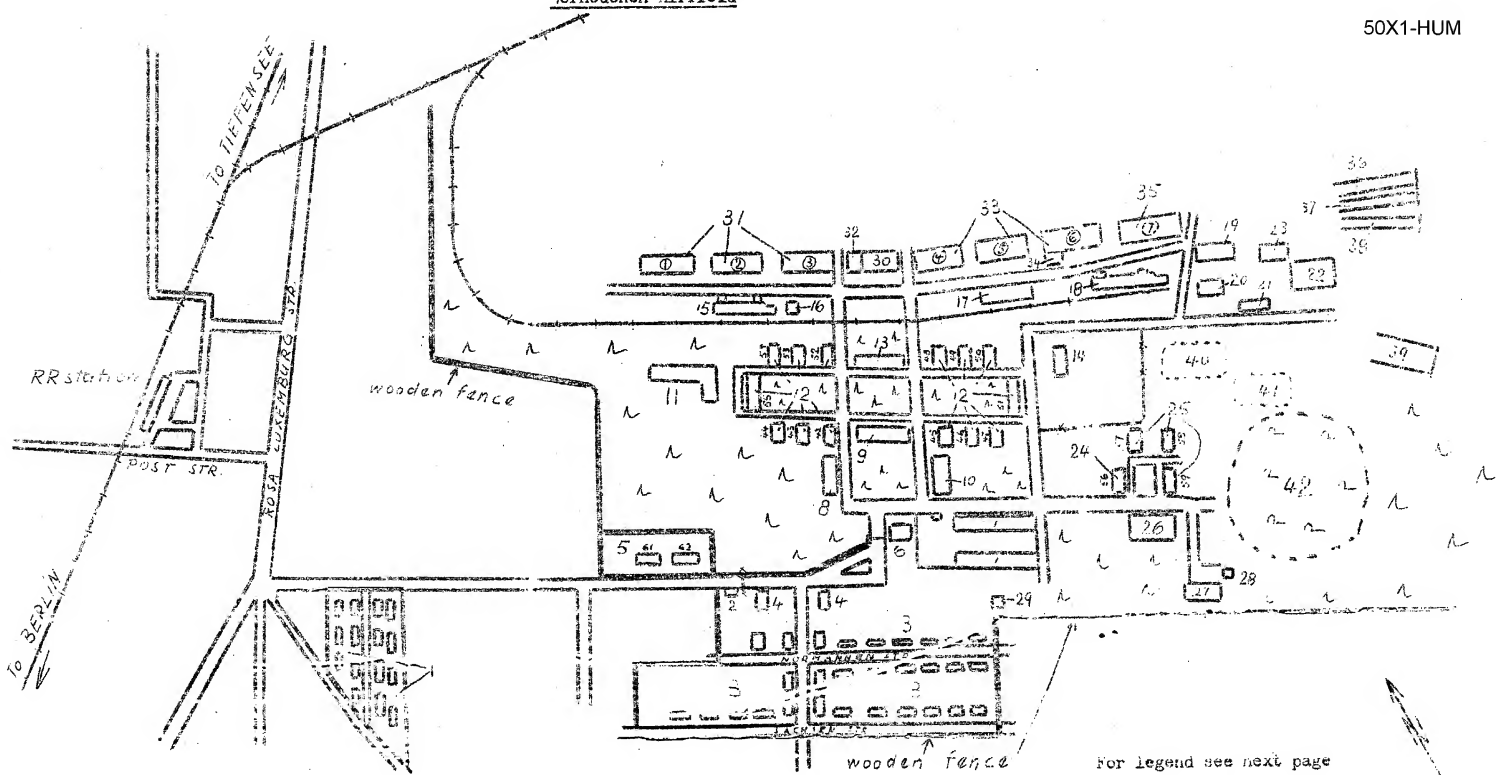
- (1) For location of hangars and other installations at Werneuchen airfield see Annex. 50X1-HUM
- (2) The presence of the AAA unit at the field is known from previous reports. The unit concerned is an army AAA unit from Brandenburg. [redacted] and is directly subordinate to the GDRG. The 85-mm guns arrived at the field on 12 April and the 37-mm guns on 19 May. [redacted] For location of 12 x 37-mm AA guns [redacted] see Annex. [redacted] these guns were emplaced in batteries west of the hangars and southeast of the shooting range. The 85-mm guns were probably only parked, but not emplaced, southwest of the target range as the trees there would hinder the field of fire. Their final location is not known. [redacted] AA gun emplacements were observed in the northwestern corner of the field in mid-May. [redacted] Since, according to previous information, each 85-mm AA gun battery consists of four guns it is believed that there is another AA gun emplacement besides the planned one. 50X1-HUM
- (3) [redacted] it appears that the available 40 jet bombers [redacted] were increased by new type-27 and type-30 [redacted] [redacted] It is unknown where these planes came from. They possibly came from outside the Soviet Zone. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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Verneuchen Airfield.

Legend:

1. Settlement surrounded by wooden fence; occupied since early May 1952 by officers and NVA wearing red-bordered black epaulets; guns and motor vehicles are parked on sites indicated as 40, 41, and 42.
2. Entrance and guardhouse, barrier; sentries wear black-bordered blue epaulets.
3. Buildings on Normannen Strasse and Sachsen Strasse surrounded by wooden fence; exclusively occupied by technical personnel including officers and Russian civilians with their dependents. Each block 16 meters long, 8 meters wide and 3 meters high. The buildings are three-storied.
4. Mess for technical personnel quartered in buildings indicated as 3.
5. Buildings officially referred to as buildings 61 and 62 which are surrounded by another wooden fence within outer fence and occupied by MVD office which also supervises German special and auxiliary workers at the field.
6. Main guardhouse with turnpike; sentries wear black-bordered blue epaulets.
7. Barracks.
8. Mess for air force personnel.
9. Educational building with motion picture theater etc.
10. Headquarters building.
11. Hospital.
12. Buildings officially referred to as buildings 42 through 55, used as EM quarters; each block about 40 x 12 x 12 meters and three storied.
13. Instruction building for air force personnel recognized as such because of instruction equipment, diagrams etc.
14. Carpenter shop for German workers, at present, four men are employed there.
15. Destroyed boiler house; no indications of reconstruction.
16. Electric power plant.
17. Ration supply plant.
18. Boiler house intact for heating and water supply.
19. Ordnance depot.

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20. Locksmith shop, occupied by 5 German locksmiths.
21. Showers.
22. Gray above ground bunker.
23. Demolished building of former German ordnance shop; bombs are stored in the intact basements; most of the stored bombs had a caliber of 280 to 320mm and a length of about 1.2 meters including the fins.
24. Building, officially referred to as building 50 housing clothing and equipment depot.
25. Buildings officially referred to with numbers 57, 58 and 59 used as air force officers billets; each 40 x 12 x 12 meters.
26. Officers mess.
27. Dwelling of the commanding officer of the airfield.
28. Small garage used by the commanding officer of the airfield.
29. Pumping station for irrigation and drainage systems.
30. Flight control building with radar set on roof, permanently guarded by air force sentries.
31. Hangars officially referred to as Nos 1, 2 and 3, occupied by aircraft; a sentry is posted at southern side of hangars.
32. Russian fire department.
33. Hangars 4, 5 and 6, officially referred to by these numbers; occupied by aircraft; sentry on the southern side.
34. Oil depot, adjacent to hangar 6.
35. Hangar officially referred to as No 7; not occupied by aircraft but by airfield maintenance equipment. Estimated size of hangar: 100 x 50 meters.
36. Target range I for aircraft; about 75 meters long.
37. Target range II for aircraft; about 75 meters long.
38. Target range III for aircraft; about 75 meters long.
39. Target range IV for small arms, unused as AA ammunition is stored there, and it is guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets.
40. Park for light AA guns.
41. Park for motor vehicles.
42. Park for 88mm AA guns.

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